

Third Auditor Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>/56 - Submits with report two letters of the California War Debt Commissioners; as to whether interest will be paid on Bonds beyond January 1<sup>st</sup> 1854 and whether or not Bonds issued in 1854 + 1855 are included in the Acts of August 5<sup>th</sup> 1854 and August 18<sup>th</sup> 1856

I concur in the view of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Auditor as to the date to which interest may be calculated, and entertain no doubt as to the inapplicability of the appropriation to bonds issued after the date of the appropriation act of August 5<sup>th</sup> 1854, as it provided only for expenses which had been incurred prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1854 in the suppression of Indian hostilities within the state of California.

Should the appropriation be inadequate to meet the obligations for which it was provided, then it will of course be necessary to pay pro-rata.

War Dept.

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1856

(Signed) Jefferson Davis,

Secretary of War

